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FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY

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SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWS

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1. REPORTED REMARKS IN JERUSALEM BY RABBI HERSHBERG TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SYRIANS HAD LIBERALIZED EMIGRATION POLICIES FOR SYRIAN JEWS HAVE GENERATED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES HERE. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, IN THIS CONNECTION, INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITY OF HAVING HIAS MAKE AN APPROACH TO THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL FAMILY REUNIFICATION PROJECT. HIAS COULD POINT TO ITS MANDATE OF RESETTLING JEWS EXCLUSIVELY IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ISRAEL. THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE A DE FACTO GUARANTEE OF SORTS THAT SYRIAN JEWS LEAVING SYRIA UNDER HIAS AUSPICES WOULD SETTLE PERMANENTLY IN THE US, WHILE NOT RULING OUT VISITS TO ISRAEL.

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